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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's unemployment rate after seasonal adjustments was 3.7 in September, an increase of 0.1 percent from the prior month's rate of 3.1. For the nation, the adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 for September . The national rate was 5.6 in August. From a year ago, the state's rate was up from 3.1 percent.

The civilian labor force for North Carolina reached 3,332,000 in September for a monthly increase of 7,000 from the August estimate of 3,339,000. From September 1987, the civilian labor force reflected an increase of 40,000.

Employment, seasonally adjusted for September, moved down to 3,209,000 from 3,236,000 in August for a decline of 27,000 workers. The number employed in September 1988 was 52,000 greater than in September 1987, for an increase of about 1.6 percent. The number of persons unemployed was 20,000 more in September (123,000) than in August (103,000). From September a year ago, the unemployed estimate was down by 12,000. The July 1987 unemployed numbered 135,000.

In September, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment was 2,962,800, an increase of 40,800 from the prior month's estimate of 2,922,000. An over-the-month gain of 4,900 occurred in manufacturing, while employment in nonmanufacturing increased by 39,900 workers. In manufacturing, the largest employment gain was recorded in the tobacco industry (1,500). Employment gains in nonmanufacturing were highest in the government (+39,800) followed by trade (1,900) and transportation (1,100).

A total of 73,000 employees were added to industry payrolls from September 1987-September 1988. Manufacturing employment declined by 1,200, as employment in nonmanufacturing was increasing by 74,000. The manufacturing loss was in nondurable goods (-3,400). Declines of 2,500 workers occurred in the tobacco, and 4,500 in textiles. Most durable goods industries posted modest gains for an overall increase of 2,200 from September 1987.

In September 1988, 39,890 individuals were placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission. Nearly one-third (13,064) of the individuals was placed in manufacturing industries. More than 11,807 persons founds jobs in the service industry, while 4,009 individuals were placed in the trade industry. By occupational category, 7,243 individuals were employed in packaging and material handling; 4,881 in bench work; 4,459 in services, except domestic; and 2,731 in machine trades.

Production workers in manufacturing earned $8.18 an hour in September. The average hours worked were 40.8, and average weekly earnings amounted to $333.74. There was an increase of $ .30 an hour in average hourly earnings from September 1987 . Workers in cigarette manufacturing had the highest hourly pay at $16.97. In nonmanufacturing, workers in communications and public utilities averaged $12.61 an hour during September 1988.

The number of production workers in North Carolina increased from 661,600 in August to 682,000 in September (+400). Most major industry divisions registered small losses as durable goods lost 900 productions workers, and nondurable goods experienced an increase of 1,300. From September a year ago, manufacturing lost 4,200 production workers. The largest loss was reported in the textile industry, -4,000.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

September 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: April 1988 through September 1988					
	Sep. 1987	Apr. 1988	May 1988	June 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1988	Sep. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,827	4,869	4,875	4,883	4,889	4,894	4,900
Civilian Labor Force	3,292	3,300	3,297	3,318	3,332	3,339	3,332
Participation Rate	68.2	67.8	67.6	68.0	68.2	68.2	68.0
Employed	3,157	3,177	3,183	3,213	3,235	3,326	3,209
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	65.4	65.2	65.3	65.8	66.2	68.0	65.5
Unemployed	135	123	114	105	97	103	123
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.1	3.7
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	———	———	———	———	———	———	———

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: July 1988 through September 1988		
	Sep. 1987	July 1988	Aug. 1988	Sep. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,827	4,889	4,894	4,900
Civilian Labor Force	3,285	3,411	3,388	3,329
Participation Rate[1]	68.1	69.8	69.2	67.9
Employed	3,169	3,302	3,287	3,226
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	65.7	67.5	67.2	65.8
Unemployed	116	109	101	103
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.1
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.0

[1]The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.
[2]The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.
[3]The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

September 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: April 1988 through September 1988					
	Sep. 1987	Apr. 1988	May 1988	June 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1988	Sep. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	183,161	184,232	184,374	184,562	184,789	184,830	184,962
Civilian Labor Force	119,963	121,323	1	121,472	121,684	122,031	121,924
Participation Rate[1]	65.5	65.9	65.6	65.8	65.9	66.0	65.9
Employed	112,872	114,713	114,195	115,018	115,059	115,180	115,328
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	61.6	62.3	61.9	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.4
Unemployed	7,091	6,610	6,783	6,455	6,625	6,851	6,596
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.4	5.6	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.4
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: July 1988 through September 1988		
	Sep. 1987	July 1988	Aug. 1988	Sep. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	183,161	184,729	184,830	184,962
Civilian Labor Force	119,884	123,888	123,396	121,842
Participation Rate[1]	65.5	67.1	66.8	65.9
Employed	113,027	117,066	116,737	115,474
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	61.7	63.4	63.2	62.4
Unemployed	6,857	7,251	6,659	6,368
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.2
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.7

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1987-September 1988

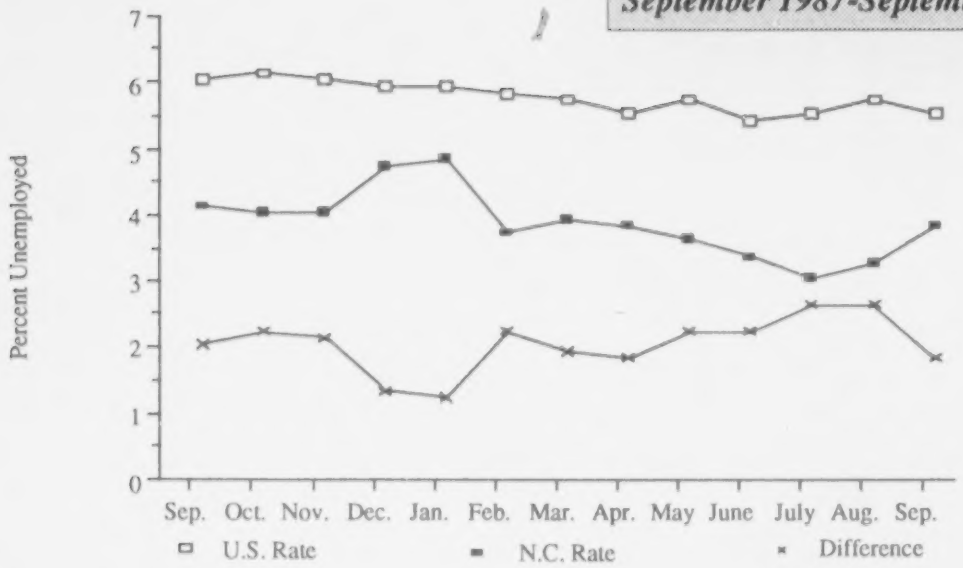

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

September 1987-September 1988

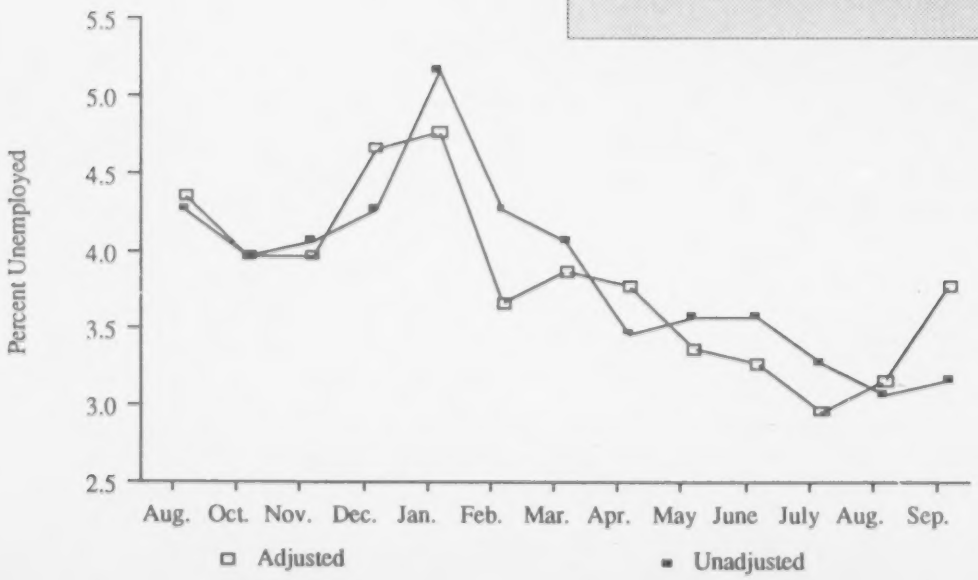

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

September 1988[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Sep. 1988	Aug.[2] 1988	Sep. 1987	Change From: Aug. 1988 Net	Aug. 1988 Percent	Sep. 1987 Net	Sep. 1987 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,329.2	3,388.3	3,284.7	- 59.1	- 1.7	+ 44.5	+ 1.4
Unemployment, Total	103.2	101.4	115.7	+ 1.8	+ 1.8	- 12.4	- 10.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.1	3.0	3.5	+ 0.1	xxx	- 0.4	xxx
Employment, Total	3,226.0	3,286.0	3,169.0	- 60.9	- 1.9	+ 57.0	+ 1.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force	3,332.0	3,339.0	3,292.0	- 7.0	- 0.2	+ 40.0	+ 1.2
Unemployment, Total	123.0	103.0	135.0	+ 20.0	+ 19.4	- 12.0	- 8.9
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.7	3.1	4.1	+ 0.6	xxx	- 0.4	xxx
Employment, Total	3,209.0	3,236.0	3,157.0	- 27.0	- 0.8	- 52.0	+ 1.6
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,962.8	2,922.0	2,889.8	+ 40.8	+ 1.4	+ 73.0	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	864.3	861.4	865.5	+ 0.9	+ 0.1	- 1.2	- 0.1
Durable Goods	350.1	351.1	347.9	- 1.0	- 0.3	+ 2.2	+ 0.6
Lumber & Wood Products	36.2	36.5	37.7	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 1.5	- 4.0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.1	12.4	0.0	0.0	- 0.3	- 2.4
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.0	9.3	9.7	- 0.3	- 3.2	- 0.7	- 7.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.6	4.8	5.0	- 0.2	- 4.2	- 0.4	- 8.0
Furniture & Fixtures	91.7	91.5	90.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.0	+ 1.1
Household Furniture	82.0	81.8	80.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.7	+ 2.1
Wood Household Furniture	41.3	41.1	40.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.9	+ 2.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	34.5	34.5	34.2	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.9

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Industry employment compiled by the LMI Division in cooperation with USDOL, BLS.

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

September1988[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Sep. 1988	Aug.[2] 1988	Sep. 1987	Change From: Aug. 1988 Net	Aug. 1988 Percent	Sep. 1987 Net	Sep. 1987 Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	20.6	20.7	20.6	- 0.1	- 0.5	0.0	0.0
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.4
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	6.2	6.2	6.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
Primary Metal Products	12.0	11.9	11.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Fabricated Metal Products	26.9	26.9	27.2	- 0.2	- 0.7	- 0.5	- 1.8
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	8.8	8.8	8.7	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Machinery, exc. Electrical	59.3	59.4	57.2	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 2.1	+ 3.7
Special Industry Machinery	8.2	8.1	8.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.4	60.5	60.0	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Household Appliances	5.7	5.6	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.8	+ 0.5	+ 9.6
Transportation Equipment	26.1	26.3	25.3	- 0.2	- 0.8	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
Other Durable Goods[4]	17.1	17.4	17.5	- 0.3	- 1.7	- 0.4	- 2.3
Nondurable Goods	514.2	512.3	517.6	+ 1.9	+ 0.4	- 3.4	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	51.5	50.6	49.9	+ 0.9	+ 1.8	+ 1.6	+ 3.2
Meat Products	23.1	23.1	22.6	0.0	0.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Meat Packing Products	2.5	2.4	2.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.2	+ 0.1	+ 4.2
Dairy Products	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.7
Bakery Products	8.6	8.5	8.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Beverages	5.9	5.9	5.8	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.6	23.1	27.1	+ 1.5	+ 6.5	- 2.5	- 9.2
Cigarettes	18.4	18.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.5	- 1.1	- 5.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.8	4.2	7.2	+ 1.6	+ 38.1	- 1.4	- 19.4
Textile Mill Products	217.2	217.8	221.7	- 0.6	- 0.3	- 4.5	- 2.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	50.0	49.5	52.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.0	- 2.0	- 3.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	24.9	24.8	26.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 2.0	- 7.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	25.8	25.7	23.9	- 0.6	- 2.5	- 0.5	- 2.1

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Classification	Total Employment Sep. 1988	Aug.[2] 1988	Sep. 1987	Change From: Sep. 1988 Net	Sep. 1988 Percent	Sep. 1987 Net	Sep. 1987 Percent
Knitting Mills	82.4	83.0	83.7	- 0.6	- 0.7	- 1.3	- 1.6
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	24.4	24.6	25.1	- 0.2	- 0.8	- 0.7	- 2.8
Hosiery, NEC	22.5	22.5	22.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.6	15.3	16.0	- 0.1	- 0.6	- 0.4	- 2.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.5	6.2	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.8
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	15.1	15.0	14.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.0	55.5	56.3	- 0.5	- 0.9	- 1.3	- 2.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.8	89.4	90.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats & Furnishings	32.0	31.9	30.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.4	+ 4.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	33.1	33.3	35.9	- 0.2	- 0.6	- 2.8	- 7.8
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	22.2	22.3	- 0.2	- 0.9	- 0.3	- 1.3
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.9	10.1	10 3	- 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.4	- 3.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.1	8.0	8.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Printing & Publishing	29.2	29.4	28.6	- 0.2	- 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 2.1
Newspapers	11.0	11.0	10.5	0.0	0.0	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	41.2	41.1	40.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.9	+ 2.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.9	12.9	12.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rubber & Misccellaneous Plastics Products	34.1	34.2	33.1	- 0.1	- 0.3	+ 1.0	+ 3.0
Other Nondurable Goods[5]	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.2	+ 0.2	+ 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	2,098.5	2,058.6	2,024.3	+ 39.9	+ 1.9	+ 74.2	+ 3.7
Mining	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
Construction	170.9	172.6	161.7	- 1.7	- 1.0	+ 9.2	+ 5.7
Transportation & Puiblic Utilities	151.0	150.1	144.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.6	+ 6.7	+ 4.6
Transportation, exc. Railroad	89.7	88.6	83.0	+ 1.1	+ 1.2	+ 6.7	+ 8.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	57.5	57.7	57.3	- 0.2	- 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3

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Classification	Total Employment Sep. 1988	Aug.[2] 1988	Sep. 1987	Change From: Aug. 1988 Net	Aug. 1988 Percent	Sep. 1987 Net	Sep. 1987 Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	672.6	670.7	650.2	+ 1.9	+ 0.3	+ 22.4	+ 3.4
Wholesale Trade	165.6	164.8	155.3	+ 0.8	+ 0.5	+ 10.3	+ 6.6
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	99.4	99.1	93.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 5.6	+ 6.0
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	66.2	65.7	61.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.8	+ 4.7	+ 7.6
Retail Trade	507.0	505.9	494.9	+ 1.1	+ 0.2	+ 12.1	+ 2.4
General Merchandise Stores	70.3	70.1	67.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.3	+ 4.9
Food Stores	77.3	77.5	76.9	- 0.2	- 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	133.7	134.5	129.1	- 0.8	- 0.6	+ 4.6	+ 3.6
Service & Miscellaneous[6]	520.3	520.5	492.1	- 0.2	*	+ 28.2	+ 5.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.6	28.8	27.8	- 1.2	- 4.2	- 0.2	- 0.7
Personal Services	33.0	32.8	30.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.6	+ 3.0	+ 10.0
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.9	14.9	13.6	0.0	0.0	+ 1.3	+ 9.6
Total Government	444.9	405.1	441.9	+ 39.8	+ 9.8	+ 3.0	+ 0.7
Federal	53.6	53.7	52.9	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
State	128.4	121.5	127.1	+ 6.9	+ 5.7	+ 1.3	+ 1.0
Education	65.6	57.9	69.4	+ 7.7	+ 13.3	+ 0.7	+ 1.1
Other	62.8	63.6	62.2	- 0.8	- 1.3	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Local	262.9	229.9	261.9	+ 33.0	+ 14.4	+ 1.0	+ 0.4
Other	135.4	99.6	138.4	+ 35.8	+ 35.9	- 3.0	- 2.2
All Other Nonag. Employment[7]	263.9	262.1	256.7	+ 1.8	+ 0.7	+ 7.2	+ 2.8
Agriculture	47.6	53.6	61.4	- 6.0	- 11.2	- 13.8	- 5.6

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Figure 3

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1988

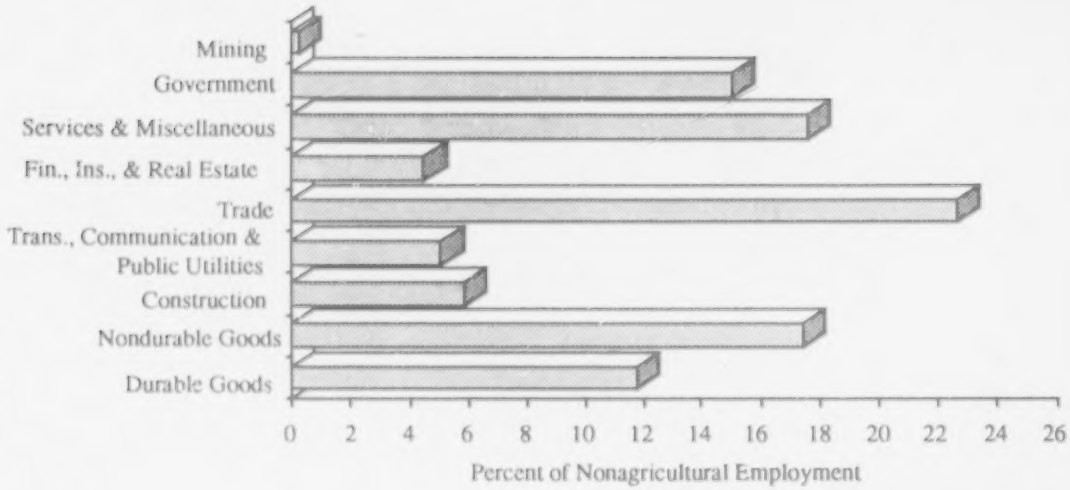

Figure 4

Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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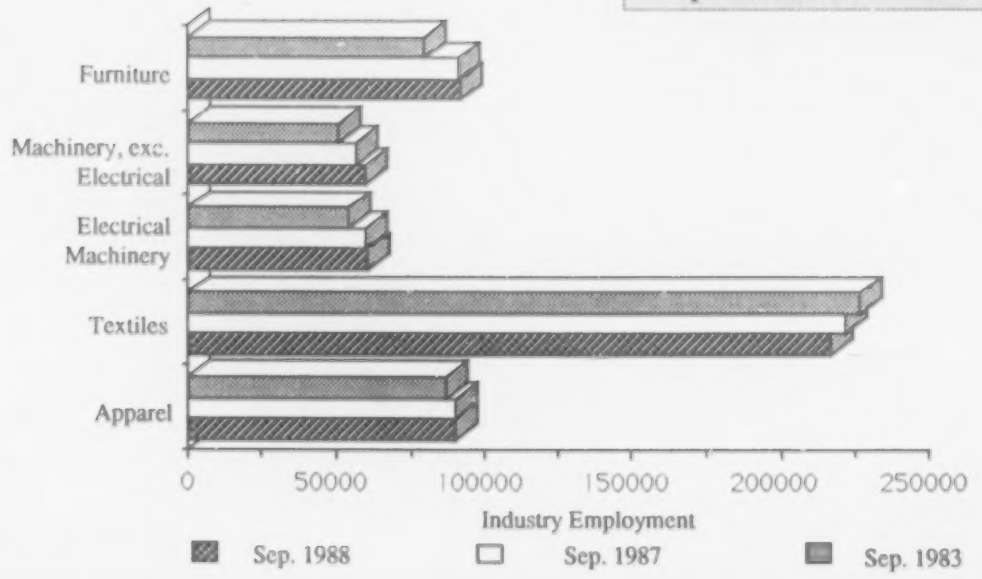

Table 4

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions September 1988[1]

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed[2]	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs[2, 3]	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	39,890	36,186	3,276	18	2,356
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	737	745	10	2	12
Clerical Occupations	5,020	4,997	14	2	34
Sales Occupations	838	655	0	0	3
Domestic Service Occupations	221	169	5	0	0
Other Service Occupations	4,459	4,310	6	1	62
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	7,008	3,710	3,127	0	15
Processing Occupations	3,462	3,391	14	6	6
Machine Trade Occupations	2,731	2,723	7	0	119
Benchwork Occupations	4,881	4,872	20	0	9
Structural Work Occupations	4,071	4,001	11	14	1,968
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	699	664	7	1	70
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	7,243	7,023	140	1	99
Miscellaneous Occupations	127	140	0	1	3

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions September 1988[1]

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Goverment
13,064	1,128	4,009	265	11,807	1,419	4,263
67	4	67	19	450	110	410
428	178	1,611	172	1,771	817	1,680
35	14	415	4	182	2	2
1	0	4	2	162	2	16
176	15	931	40	2,938	194	1,313
12	1	7	14	605	78	291
2,634	105	266	0	439	0	1
2,038	5	48	1	551	11	19
3,915	6	57	0	910	0	5
1,026	31	60	15	906	95	198
80	172	138	3	164	47	77
2,807	685	439	1	2,861	56	289
63	12	7	1	53	13	13

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Figure 5

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1987-September 1988

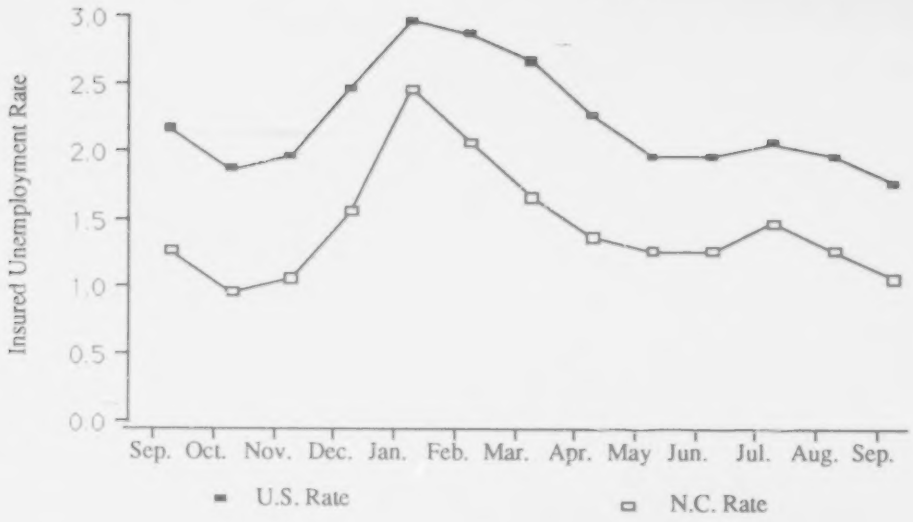

Figure 6

Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

September 1988

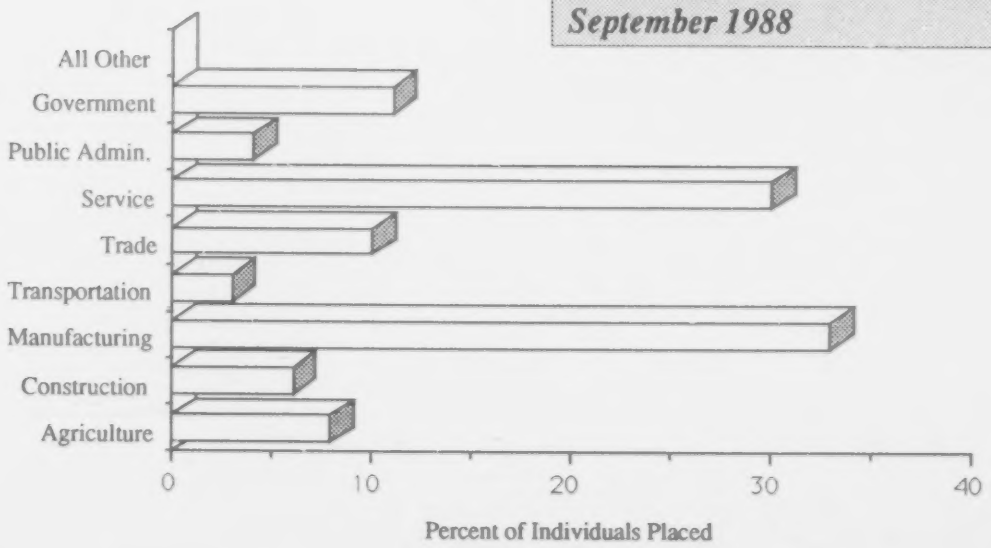

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1988[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Sep. 1988	Aug.[2] 1988	Sep. 1987	Percent Change From: Aug. 1988	Sep. 1987
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,950.9	2,942.1	2,876.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	860.1	860.9	860.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	349.9	350.2	347.4	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Lumber & Wood Products	36.1	36.1	37.5	0.0	- 3.7
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.0	12.4	+ 0.8	- 2.4
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	8.9	9.2	9.6	- 0.3	- 7.3
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	4.6	4.7	5.0	- 2.1	- 8.0
Furniture & Fixtures	92.1	92.1	91.1	0.0	+ 1.1
Household Furniture	82.3	82.2	80.7	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
Wood Household Furniture	41.3	41.1	40.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	34.6	34.7	34.3	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	20.5	20.6	20.4	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	- 3.6
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	6.2	6.2	6.0	0.0	+ 3.3
Primary Metal Industries	12.0	11.8	11.7	+ 1.7	+ 2.6
Fabricated Metal Industries	26.7	26.7	27.2	0.0	- 1.8
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	8.7	8.6	8.6	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Machinery, except Electrical	59.5	59.0	57.4	+ 0.8	+ 3.7
Special Industry Machinery	8.2	8.1	8.1	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.9	60.3	59.4	- 0.7	+ 0.8
Household Appliances	5.4	5.4	4.9	0.0	+ 10.2
Transportation Equipment	26.2	26.4	25.4	- 0.8	+ 3.1
Other Durable Goods[3]	16.9	17.2	17.3	- 1.7	- 2.3
Nondurable Goods	510.2	510.7	513.4	- 0.1	- 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	50.7	50.0	49.2	+ 1.4	+ 3.0
Meat Products	22.9	23.0	22.4	- 0.4	+ 2.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.4	2.4	+ 4.2	+ 4.2
Dairy Products	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	+ 3.2
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	- 3.7
Bakery Products	8.6	8.5	8.3	+ 1.2	+ 3.6
Beverages	5.8	5.7	5.7	+ 1.8	+ 1.8

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[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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[6]Less than .05 percent.

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Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1988[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Sep. 1988	Aug.[2] 1988	Sep. 1987	Percent Change From: Aug. 1988	Sep. 1987
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.1	22.4	24.4	- 1.3	- 9.4
Cigarettes	18.5	18.4	19.6	+ 0.5	- 5.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.5	3.5	4.3	0.0	- 18.6
Textile Mill Products	216.6	217.1	221.1	- 0.2	- 2.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	50.2	49.8	52.1	+ 0.8	- 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	25.0	25.0	27.0	0.0	- 7.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.4	24.1	24.5	+ 1.2	- 0.4
Knitting Mills	81.9	82.1	83.2	- 0.2	- 1.6
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	24.4	24.3	25.1	+ 0.4	- 2.8
Hosiery, NEC	22.4	22.2	22.0	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.5	15.6	15.9	- 0.6	- 2.5
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.4	6.2	+ 1.6	+ 4.8
Textile Finishing, except Wool	15.1	15.0	14.9	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	54.8	55.4	56.1	- 1.1	- 2.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.2	89.5	89.6	- 0.3	- 0.4
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.8	31.8	30.4	0.0	+ 4.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	32.9	33.4	35.7	- 1.5	- 7.8
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.3	22.4	- 0.9	- 1.3
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.0	10.2	10.4	- 2.0	- 3.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.1	8.0	8.0	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Printing & Publishing	29.6	29.7	28.9	- 0.3	+ 2.4
Newspapers	11.1	11.0	10.6	+ 0.9	+ 4.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	41.1	40.9	40.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	12.9	13.0	+ 0.8	0.
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	34.3	34.3	33.3	0.0	+ 3.0
Other Nondurable Goods[4]	4.5	4.5	4.3	0.0	+ 4.7

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Table I
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Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1988[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment Sep. 1988	Aug.[2] 1988	Sep. 1987	Percent Change From: Aug. 1988	Sep. 1987
Nonmanufacturing	2,098.8	2,081.2	2,016.1	+ 0.5	+ 3.7
Mining	5.1	5.0	5.0	+ 2.0	+ 2.0
Construction	167.9	167.4	158.9	+ 0.3	+ 5.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	149.2	148.8	142.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.5
Transportation, except Railroad	88.0	87.5	81.6	+ 0.6	+ 7.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	57.4	57.4	57.2	0.0	+ 0.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade	668.4	664.6	646.3	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
Wholesale Trade	162.9	161.7	152.8	+ 0.7	+ 6.6
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	99.6	98.6	94.0	+ 1.0	+ 6.0
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	63.3	63.1	58.8	+ 0.3	+ 7.7
Retail Trade	505.5	502.9	493.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
General Merchandise Stores	72.3	71.7	68.8	+ 0.8	+ 5.1
Food Stores	77.6	77.5	77.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	133.3	133.2	128.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.7
Service & Miscellaneous[5]	524.0	508.8	494.9	+ 3.0	+ 5.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	26.2	25.7	26.4	+ 1.9	- 0.8
Personal Services	33.5	33.3	30.4	+ 0.6	+ 10.2
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	15.0	14.9	13.7	+ 0.7	+ 9.5
Health Services	127.9	127.2	122.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.4
Hospitals	49.3	49.0	46.5	+ 0.6	+ 5.7
Legal Services	13.7	13.7	12.6	0.0	+ 8.0
Educational Services	24.5	26.1	25.0	- 6.5	- 2.0
Total Government	442.9	453.4	439.6	- 2.3	+ 0.8
Federal	53.5	53.4	52.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
State	130.1	131.1	128.7	- 0.8	+ 1.1
Education	67.6	68.4	66.8	- 1.2	+ 1.2
Other	62.5	62.7	61.9	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Local	259.3	268.9	258.1	- 3.6	+ 0.5
Education	131.5	141.5	134.3	- 7.1	- 2.1
Other	127.8	127.4	123.8	+ 0.3	+ 3.2

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

September 1988[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 1988	Aug.[3] 1988	Sep.[3] 1987	Sep. 1988	Aug.[3] 1988	Sep.[3] 1987	Sep. 1988	Aug.[3] 1988	Sep.[3] 1987
Manufacturing	$333.74	$329.27	$323.87	40.8	40.5	41.1	$8.18	$8.13	$7.88
Durable Goods	348.12	343.94	332.93	41.1	40.8	40.9	8.47	8.43	8.14
Lumber & Wood Products	301.08	296.43	279.39	41.3	41.0	40.2	7.29	7.23	6.95
Miliwork, Plywood & Structural Members	302.85	304.92	277.30	41.6	42.0	40.6	7.28	7.26	6.83
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	351.20	349.11	327.89	43.9	43.1	39.6	8.00	8.10	8.28
Furniture & Fixtures	292.96	286.14	285.26	38.7	38.0	39.4	7.57	7.53	7.24
Household Furniture	291.80	284.25	283.35	38.7	37.9	39.3	7.54	7.50	7.21
Wood Household Furniture	280.92	273.35	268.49	39.4	38.5	39.6	7.13	7.10	6.78
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	379.14	378.53	373.54	42.6	42.2	42.4	8.90	8.97	8.81
Structural Clay Products	319.28	309.32	306.02	41.9	40.7	42.8	7.62	7.60	7.15
Primary Metal Industries	422.82	420.48	391.92	43.5	43.8	42.6	9.72	9.60	9.20
Fabricated Metal Industries	389.62	384.68	365.75	43.1	42.6	41.8	9.04	9.03	8.75
Machinery, exc. Electrical	393.16	382.82	380.55	43.3	42.3	43.0	9.08	9.05	8.85
Special Industry Machinery	387.04	376.05	357.81	43.1	42.3	42.8	8.98	8.89	8.36
Electrical Machinery	386.98	387.81	376.33	41.3	41.6	41.4	9.37	9.32	9.09
Household Appliances	315.77	303.60	270.76	45.5	44.0	40.9	6.94	6.90	6.62
Transportation Equipment	391.99	389.27	371.03	43.7	43.3	42.5	8.97	8.99	8.73
Nondurable Goods	324.80	319.98	318.48	40.6	40.3	41.2	8.00	7.94	7.73
Food & Kindred Products	292.66	285.82	283.03	40.2	39.1	40.9	7.28	7.31	6.92
Meat Products	245.94	227.65	243.81	39.1	36.6	40.5	6.29	6.22	6.02
Meat Packing Products	377.34	333.60	349.33	46.7	41.7	44.5	8.08	8.00	7.85

[1]These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.
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Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

September 1988[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 1988	Aug.[3] 1988	Sep.[3] 1987	Sep. 1988	Aug.[3] 1988	Aug.[3] 1987	Sep. 1988	Aug.[3] 1988	Sep.[3] 1987
Dairy Products	329.12	317.77	322.46	44.0	43.0	44.6	7.48	7.39	7.23
Grain Mill Products	366.12	361.18	337.80	45.2	44.7	43.7	8.10	8.08	7.73
Bakery Products	345.06	351.60	331.43	42.6	43.3	41.9	8.10	8.12	7.91
Beverages	532.53	540.38	465.81	40.1	41.6	40.4	13.28	12.99	11.53
Tobacco Manufacturers	573.24	588.85	505.56	41.3	39.1	39.1	13.88	15.06	12.93
Cigarettes	687.29	687.69	624.95	40.5	40.5	38.2	16.97	16.98	16.36
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	272.36	215.38	230.98	44.0	33.6	41.1	6.19	6.41	5.62
Textile Mill Products	291.41	288.16	293.44	40.7	40.7	42.1	7.16	7.08	6.97
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	325.54	319.90	341.33	41.0	40.7	44.1	7.94	7.86	7.74
Weaving Mills, Cotton	309.68	306.15	341.82	39.3	39.0	43.6	7.88	7.85	7.84
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	342.40	334.48	341.96	42.8	42.5	44.7	8.00	7.87	7.65
Knitting Mills	267.33	268.00	256.46	39.9	40.3	39.7	6.70	6.65	6.46
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	244.97	241.34	234.36	38.7	38.8	37.8	6.33	6.22	6.20
Hosiery, NEC	254.15	263.49	240.52	39.1	40.6	38.3	6.50	6.49	6.28
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	304.10	298.39	295.53	41.6	41.1	42.4	7.31	7.26	6.97
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	336.00	338.39	345.84	44.8	45.3	47.9	7.50	7.47	7.22
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	312.06	313.65	315.42	42.0	42.1	44.3	7.43	7.45	7.12
Yarn & Thread Mills	289.16	281.36	299.97	40.9	40.6	43.6	7.07	6.93	6.88
Apparel & Other Textile Products	216.22	215.46	208.45	38.0	38.0	37.9	5.69	5.67	5.50
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	210.08	209.51	203.31	36.6	36.5	36.5	5.74	5.74	5.57
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	198.97	198.38	189.86	37.4	37.5	37.3	5.32	5.29	5.09

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Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

September 1988[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 1988	Aug.[3] 1988	Sep.[3] 1987	Sep. 1988	Aug.[3] 1988	Sep.[3] 1987	Sep. 1988	Aug.[3] 1988	Sep.[3] 1987
Paper & Allied Products	570.95	550.59	533.14	47.5	46.7	46.0	12.02	11.79	11.59
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	830.51	795.05	744.46	53.0	52.1	49.4	15.67	15.26	15.07
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	404.40	396.76	396.04	44.1	43.6	44.7	9.17	9.10	8.86
Printing & Publishing	375.39	359.28	374.66	38.7	38.1	40.2	9.70	9.43	9.32
Newspapers	310.07	302.05	304.50	34.3	33.9	34.8	9.04	8.91	8.75
Chemicals & Allied Products	462.46	459.24	463.32	42.9	42.8	42.9	10.78	10.73	10.80
Plastics & Synthetics	524.94	522.27	551.36	44.6	44.6	46.1	11.77	11.71	11.96
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	419.00	418.16	408.24	41.9	41.9	42.0	10.00	9.98	9.72
Mining	460.02	466.00	416.42	49.2	50.0	47.7	9.35	9.32	8.73
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	538.45	541.80	534.14	42.7	43.0	42.8	12.61	12.60	12.48
Wholesale & Retail Trade	214.05	215.49	214.18	31.9	32.6	32.9	6.71	6.61	6.51
Wholesale Trade	335.87	336.06	332.08	39.1	39.0	40.0	8.59	8.54	8.32
Retail Trade	178.50	180.82	180.18	29.8	30.7	30.8	5.99	5.89	5.85
General Merchandise Stores	168.08	166.91	178.20	27.6	28.1	30.0	6.09	5.94	5.94
Food Stores	184.20	187.82	190.13	30.0	31.2	32.5	6.14	6.02	5.85
Services, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	146.10	145.49	143.88	30.5	30.5	30.1	4.79	477	4.78
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	208.00	206.61	207.92	34.9	34.9	35.3	5.96	5.92	5.89

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Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

September 1988

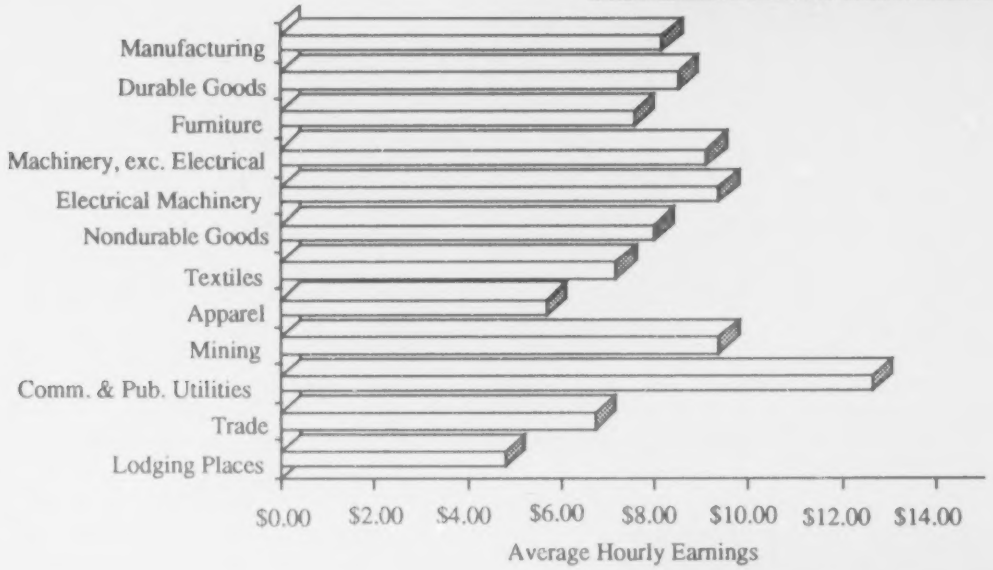

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

September 1988

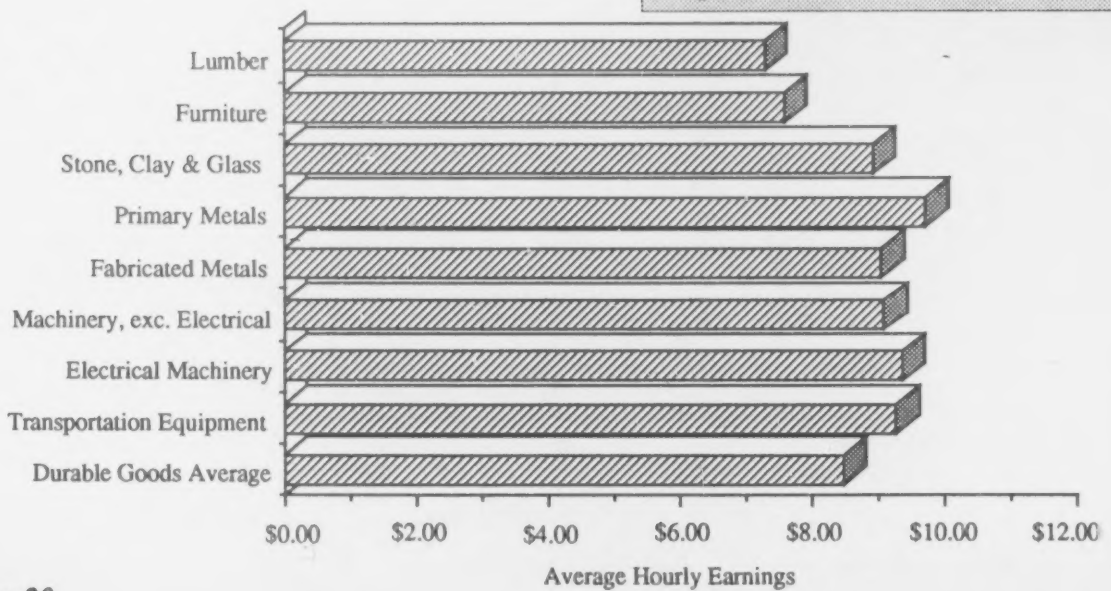

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

September 1988[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Sep. 1988	Aug.[2] 1988	Sep. 1987	Aug. 1988	Sep. 1987
Manufacturing	682.0	681.6	686.2	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	263.2	264.1	262.4	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	30.5	30.8	32.0	- 1.0	- 4.7
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	7.6	7.9	8.3	- 3.8	- 8.4
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	3.8	3.9	4.1	- 2.6	- 7.3
Furniture & Fixtures	79.9	79.8	79.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Household Furniture	72.0	71.8	70.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Wood Household Furniture	37.4	37.2	36.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	16.4	16.5	16.5	- 0.6	- 0.6
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	- 4.3
Primary Metal Industries	9.1	9.0	8.6	+ 1.1	+ 5.8
Fabricated Metal Industries	19.9	20.0	20.4	- 0.5	- 2.5
Machinery, except Electrical	30.0	30.0	29.1	0.0	+ 3.1
Special Industry Machinery	5.5	5.4	5.5	+ 1.9	0.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	43.3	43.5	42.9	- 0.5	+ 0.9
Household Appliances	5.1	5.0	4.6	+ 2.0	+ 10.9
Transportation Equipment	21.2	21.4	20.4	- 0.9	+ 3.9
Other Durable Goods[3]	12.9	13.1	13.1	- 1.5	- 1.5
Nondurable Goods	418.8	417.5	423.8	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Food & Kindred Products	36.9	36.3	36.0	+ 1.7	+ 2.5
Meat Products	20.4	20.4	20.1	0.0	+ 1.5
Meat Packing Plants	1.8	1.7	1.8	+ 5.9	0.0
Dairy Products	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.0	+ 12.5
Grain Mill Products	1.8	1.8	2.0	0.0	+ 4.3
Bakery Products	4.9	4.9	4.7	0.0	+ 2.1

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[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

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Table III

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Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

September 1988[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Sep. 1988	Aug.[2] 1988	Sep. 1987	Aug. 1988	Sep. 1987
Beverages	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.0	17.6	21.3	+ 8.0	- 10.8
Cigarettes	13.8	13.9	14.7	- 0.7	- 6.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.9	3.4	6.2	+ 44.1	- 21.0
Textile Mill Products	192.2	192.8	196.2	- 0.3	- 2.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	44.5	44.2	46.1	+ 0.7	- 3.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	22.1	22.0	23.7	+ 0.5	- 6.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.8	21.6	21.9	+ 0.9	- 0.5
Knitting Mills	73.3	73.8	74.1	- 0.7	- 1.1
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	21.7	21.9	22.6	- 1.8	- 4.0
Hosiery, NEC	20.5	20.5	20.0	0.0	+ 2.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.6	13.7	13.9	- 0.7	- 2.2
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.6	5.6	5.4	0.0	+ 3.7
Textile Finishing, except Wool	12.7	12.6	12.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	49.7	50.2	51.1	- 0.1	- 2.7
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.9	77.6	78.6	+ 0.4	- 0.9
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	27.5	27.4	26.3	+ 0.4	+ 4.6
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	28.7	28.9	31.3	- 0.7	- 8.3
Paper & Allied Products	16.6	16.7	16.8	- 0.6	- 1.2
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.0	7.1	7.3	- 1.4	- 4.1
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.2	6.1	6.1	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
Printing & Publishing	17.8	18.1	17.7	- 1.7	+ 0.6
Newspapers	4.2	4.3	4.1	- 2.3	+ 2.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.7	26.8	26.3	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.3	9.4	9.2	- 1.1	+ 1.1
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	27.7	27.8	27.2	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Other Nondurable Goods[3]	4.0	3.8	3.7	+ 5.3	+ 8.1

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

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